

Shenandoah Civic Club Minutes

January 14, 2020

1. Call to order

- a. Meeting was called to order by President Gwen Quinn at 6:05.

2. Roll Call

- a. Officers Present: President: Gwen Quinn, Vice President: Lauren Munn and Secretary: Wendy Bradt
- b. Voting Members: Sharon Siri (New Voting member as of tonight), Marilyn Poppert, Pam Sorich, Charron Cales, Norma McGee, Sherry McMullen, Barbara Breeding, Ritzy Fletcher
- c. City Representatives: City Councilmembers: Charlie Bradt and Ted Fletcher; and Ex-officio: Debbie Pilcher City Administrator: Kathie Reyer

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2019 meeting

- a. Motion: Gwen Quinn
- b. Second: Ritzy Fletcher
- c. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Chair Reports

- a. Bow making process: We had a nice group come to make bows before our November meeting but the bows did not get picked up by residents. We need to advertise the bows more if we keep on with this project in the future. We purchased 12 rolls of ribbon for \$90 which would have made 200 bows; however, several rolls were never picked up to be made into bows. They will be saved for next year.
- b. Lighting of the Angels
 - i. Entertainment Chair: Pam Sorich
 1. We had a lot of positive response on our entertainment. We had a petting zoo, the Snowball races, and snow slide which was from a different vendor this year. Also we had Elsa with the release of Frozen 2 and an extra was that she could sing. Also we did have the Grinch and the crowd just loved him. The DJ music was reported to be a little loud. We did have the Camel rides and a magician as well to provide entertainment for the Children.

2. Santa and Me pictures: We did not have the City taking the pictures this year as we had many that wanted to take the pictures on their own with their phones.
 3. Children's Craft: The Craft item was great but being outside with limited lighting did make it a little dark. So we are looking to change this for next year.
- ii. Hospitality Chair: Ritzy Fletcher
1. We did not do sandwiches this year. Instead we went with just cookies and drinks. We had coffee, hot chocolate, cider and water. We did go through the cookies quickly and the Hot Chocolate so looking at getting more for next year.
 2. We discussed having sandwiches next year to serve to the Public Work staff and LOTA volunteers that have helped us to do the set up for the event before the actual event begins.
- c. Luminary Work Day/Sandbagging: Barbara Breeding
- i. On Saturday December 7, 2019 the Civic Club and resident helpers came out to bag sand for luminaries to fill the entrances and if wanted to pick up for their street area or section. We did provide some Christmas music and also hot cocoa, cider and donuts. The rest of the supplies for residents were out for pick up if they wished to get materials and put out on Christmas Eve. Our goal for next year is to get more of Shenandoah covered as we seek having help with covering the streets.
- d. Christmas Decorating Awards: Gwen Quinn
- i. The Two winners of the Best Decorated award for December are
 1. Cole & Megan Pate at #6 Broadwater Ct (Park Gate)
 2. Timothy & Karen Preston at 507 Shenandoah Drive
- e. Polar Bear Plunge: Saturday January 11, 2020.
- i. This event is a city event sponsored by Public Works and the City Pool; the refreshments are provided by the pool staff. Civic Club volunteers assist with serving.
 - ii. There was a fair crowd but not as many as last year due to weather and it was chilly and damp. So the children who participated jumped in and quickly taken out due to water temp and taken to a room where they could warm up and dry off and put some dry clothes on.

- f. Arbor Day/Coffee with Cops: Sherry McMullen, Wendy Bradt and Norma McGee, Chairs
 - i. Arbor Day is done by the City in coordination and assistance from the Civic Club. We have different seedlings residents can come pick up as well as a plant exchange. We will have Coffee with Cops as part of this event. Residents can stop and enjoy a conversation with our local police department.
 - ii. Civic Club provides a children's activity; they can decorate a little pot to take a plant home, monitor and learn how to care for it in the process.
 - iii. The Event will be Saturday March 7 from 9 am to noon. At the Public Works bay
- g. Spring Community Garage Sale: Gwen Quinn
 - i. The Garage Sale will be on Saturday, March 21, from 8 am to 3 pm.
 - ii. More information will soon come so residents can sign up if wish to participate
- h. Easter Egg Hunt: Pam Sorich
 - i. This will be Saturday, April 4, at the City Park
 - ii. We will have Face Painters, Balloon artists and the Easter Bunny will be present if you wish to take pictures with the Bunny. The City will not be taking the pictures as in the past. More details to come on possibly more entertainment we could have.
 - iii. We will have Coffee for the workers with setting up before event and donut holes and water for the residents.
 - iv. We had a motion by Lauren Munn and second by Ritzy Fletcher to move the meeting date the vote was unanimous to move our March meeting up one week. We may also fill our candy eggs on this day as well or wait a little closer to Easter.
- i. Shenandoah Shout Out: Ritzy Fletcher
 - i. We have delivered the bags to our new residents and are always giving ones out to our new residents as we learn of new residents. We have welcome bags for them filled with information about the county; city; places to stay, dine and find entertainment; and places to shop around our area.

5. Old Business

- a. Flyers that were taken by Councilman Charlie Bradt to places that do not get water bills within our city including the apartments. Sunningdale apparently did have an issue with residents receiving them due to change in management.

- b. Santa on Fire truck: The children that were out did love getting out to see Santa but many were upset that we had the Ladder Truck from the Woodlands Fire Department. We did use someone different in the years past but that was when we had fire services from someone else. If this event continues, we will need to investigate a change in vehicle which could go down all areas of our city.
- c. Stagg Bowl: This is a city event and did not involve the Civic Club but did include some member who volunteered.
- d. Toy Drive: Rita Carter was at the Lighting of the Angels monitoring the Toys that were brought to event; after the event, the Toy Box was on display at City Hall. We collected 40 toys for the Montgomery County Women's Center.

6. New Business

- a. Communications
 - i. President Gwen Quinn complained she was not receiving replies from people when she sent mailings out. It was suggested that members check spam/junk folder. She expects better communication between us or to anyone she communicates with.
- b. Budget
 - i. Discussed briefly our remaining budgeted activities for the year and a sheet with this information of what we have spent to this point and what we have left was available for the Civic Club.
- c. Volunteers from High Schools
 - i. President Quinn wants Civic Club to reach out to Oak Ridge North High School and other area high schools to look for volunteers; she stated that she was not getting cooperation from College Park High School. She was reminded by members that CPHS is the feeder high school for our city. President Quinn called out member Tiffany Ozols saying that she had promised high school volunteers to help at the bow making and the Luminary Work Day. However, students were unable to come to the November meeting and many were taking SAT Tests on the luminary workday. Member Sherry McMullen pointed out that Tiffany had forwarded the information to students but had predicted that the majority would be taking SAT tests as well.
 - ii. President Quinn stated that Member Ozols was not doing her job. She brought up the volunteer slips that the students have to get signed for their community service hours and wanted them turned into her. She was reminded that volunteer hours with

our high school students is not a responsibility of the Civic Club. A heated discussion ensued with President Quinn and member Sherry McMullen regarding the volunteers and communication with them through Member Ozols. (Secretary Note of record: Gwen is the president of the Civic Club but has to be reminded a lot how to lead the group. She has to be kept to task and should not be running the Civic Club as she wants it to be run but rather through proper channels. Councilman Fletcher had to break up the heated discussion and put things back on track with the meeting itself.)

d. Drone to photo luminaries

1. President Quinn suggested a live drone fly around the City and take pictures of the areas that have luminaries and areas that do not. Member Ritzy Fletcher will consult Brad Bull to see if he can use his drone for this process. (Secretary Note of record: This item has not been presented to the City Administrator for approval.)

7. Upcoming activities

- a. Arbor Day/Coffee with Cops: Saturday, March 7 from 9 am to noon at Public Works bay at City Municipal Complex
 - b. Spring Community Garage Sale: Saturday, March 21, from 8 am to 3 pm
 - c. Spring Trash Bash: Saturday ,March 28 (PW Event), 8 am to noon or until bins are full
 - d. Montgomery County Safety Expo: Saturday, March 28 (SPD Event) 10 am to 1 pm at Woodforest Stadium
 - e. Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4, from 10 am to noon at the City Park
8. Next Meeting: February 11, 2020
9. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by President Quinn at 7:15 pm

Wendy Bradt: CC Secretary

Date Approved

